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1. The Soviet Naval Attache issued invitations to members of the Naval Attache Corps in London and various and sundry other people to attend a film showing, held in the Russian Embassy on 7 December at 1930. The guests, numbering about 125, assembled in a Drawing Room where they waited for 20-foodless-drinkless minutes until all guests had assembled.

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2. The program consisted of:

a. Russian newsreel which showed pictures of the Swedish Fleet's visit to Leningrad, followed by many, many scenes of people marching and carrying banners and slogans. As the film was in Russian very little was gained by the audience.

b. Next came a colored film of an excellent demonstration of gymnastics which consisted of exercises on the horse, rings, parallel bars, etc.

c. The third and final show which was their piece de resistance was "The Anna Cross" by Chekov, which, according to a notation, had been distributed in England, France, Italy, Australia, in fact, almost everywhere but the United States. In most cases the acting was amateurish. The color photography was mediocre and was full of fades, light spots, etc; the sound was average; the music was excellent. The show lasted much too long and proved extremely boring; it was perfectly terrible by U.S. standards.

3. After the performance drinks and a buffet was served in one large room. The British guests were Rear Admiral Inglis, DNI, Commander Gordon, head of the Russian Section, NID, Captain Keys, DDNI, and approximately five other British Naval officers. There were also satellite Military Attaches and Air Attaches present.

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